

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Friday, January 5, 2018 at 7:15 PM in the Council Chamber in City Hall, 111 Outwater Lane, Garfield, NJ 07026.

Mayor Richard Rigoglioso presided. City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica announced that the meeting was being held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and that adequate notice was provided by mail, fax and email to the official City newspapers and to other interested parties and by posting the meeting notice on the bulletin boards in City Hall.

Councilmembers Present: Louis G. Aloia, Frank J. Calandriello, Erin N. Delaney, Joseph Delaney and Richard Rigoglioso

Also Present: City Manager Thomas J. Duch and City Clerk Andrew J. Pavlica

City Clerk Pavlica introduced Ex-Fire Chief and President of Fire Company No. Four, Steven Semancik who acted as the Master of Ceremonies. He welcomed everyone to this evening's meeting and introduced First Assistant Fire Chief Jason Tani who lead the meeting in the flag salute.

Ex-Chief Steven Semancik introduced Reverend Edward P. Szpiech, the Pastor of Saint Stanislaus Kostka Roman Catholic Church, who offered a Special Invocation.

Ex-Chief Steven Semancik introduced the various dignitaries in the audience.

Ex-Chief Steven Semancik called upon Outgoing Fire Chief Edward J. Morano to conclude Unfinished Business for the Firematic Year 2017:

Garfield Fire Department

Fire Calls 2017

Total Calls: 718

Structure Fires	18
Cooking Fires	51
Vehicle Fires	7
Mulch and Brush Fires	8
Dumpster and Rubbish Fires	9
Utility/Transformer Fire	3
Extrications from Vehicles	4
Assist EMS Calls	11
Stalled Elevator	5
Aircraft Stand-By	3
Carbon Monoxide Incidents	16
Natural Gas Leaks	48
Transformer Explosion/Power Lines Down	10
MVC with Fluid Spill	16
Hazardous Conditions	36
Service Calls	112
Mutual Aid Requests	30
Drills	61
Good Intent Calls	34
False Alarms	176
Severe Weather Incidents or Standby	<u>2</u>
Total Incident Count:	718

Ex-Chief Morano thanked everybody for being here this evening. He said that in 2017, the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department had a very successful year. He said that throughout the year, the compliments and praise that he received about the Department and how the Department operated at fires was amazing. He said that he was proud of having such a great Department behind him and it could not have been possible to have such a good year as Chief without a lot of people who all deserve his thanks. He thanked the Officers and the members of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department for the days and nights that they sacrificed taking time away from their family and friends and their own lives to respond at a

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moments notice to all the City’s emergencies as well as the Mutual Aid coverages. He thanked the Assistant Chiefs for all the hard work that they did all year long and helping with the day to day operations of the Fire Department and for always being there for anything he needed done. He said that the cooperation from all the Fire Companies and the Chiefs made this past year easier. He thanked the City Manager and the Mayor and Council for all their support ensuring that the Garfield Fire Department got all that they needed all year long. He thanked all the employees of the City Clerk’s Office and Finance Office for all their help all year long. He thanked the Mutual Aid Chiefs and Coordinators who he had the pleasure of serving with and all the help that they provided during his term. He thanked the Garfield Police Department and Office of Emergency Management. He thanked his fiancé, mother and family who forgot what he looked like all year long, but they made sure however they could help him, they did, and helped him succeed. He said that without the sacrifices they made, his year would not have been as easy. He is honored to not only have been the Chief of the Department for 2017, but he looks forward to the next four years as Assistant Chief and continuing to work with his Assistant Chief during their terms to do whatever he can to help them all succeed. He concluded by thanking everyone all again.

Resolution No. 18-1

WHEREAS, Edward J. Morano has served as Fire Chief of the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department for the year 2017, and

WHEREAS, the services rendered to the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Garfield have been such as to be above and beyond the ordinary call of duty, and

WHEREAS, under the jurisdiction of Edward J. Morano the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department maintained its high standard of service and devotion to duty with respect to protection of life and property of the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Garfield, all of this be in keeping with the highest traditions of the standards set for fire service, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Garfield desires to express its appreciation to Fire Chief Edward J. Morano for his singular devotion and dedication to the fire service of the City of Garfield,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, Bergen County, New Jersey, that Fire Chief Edward J. Morano be and is hereby commended for the excellent service he has rendered to the citizens and taxpayers of the City of Garfield during his tenure as Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the City of Garfield and that a certified copy of this approved resolution also be included in the personnel jacket of Fire Chief Edward J. Morano.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) All Five Councilmembers

At this time, Mayor Rigoglioso presented outgoing Fire Chief Edward J. Morano with a certified copy of Resolution No. 18-1 and presented and pinned the Ex-Chief Badge on outgoing Fire Chief Morano.

City Clerk Pavlica administered the Oath of Office to the Line Officers of Fire Company No. One, followed by Fire Companies No. Two, Three, Four and Five.

In accordance with an election held by the Garfield Volunteer Fire Department, City Manager Thomas J. Duch appointed the following to their respective offices for a term of one (1) year:

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| Edward J. Morano | Fourth Assistant Chief |
| Kyle Kovacs | Third Assistant Chief |
| Michael Colon | Second Assistant Chief |
| Jason Tani | First Assistant Chief |
| Michael Semancik Jr. | Fire Chief |

City Clerk Pavlica administered the Oath of Office to the Assistant Fire Chiefs.

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Mayor Rigoglioso administered the Oath of Office to Michael Semancik Jr., as his wife, Monica, held the Bible.

City Manager Duch presented Michael Semancik Jr. with the Badge of Fire Chief of the City of Garfield.

Fire Chief Semancik thanked everybody for coming on such a cold night. He thanked the Department for giving him the chance to become Fire Chief. He said that he follows in the footsteps of his brother who was Chief and who is now the President of Fire Company No. Four. He said that he is looking forward to serving with his Assistant Chiefs. He said that it has been a busy year so far and the weather has been a killer with broken pipes and all sorts of other crazy calls. He said that he looks forward to working with the City Council and Mayor and City Manager and he hopes to continue to get their support to help make the Garfield Fire Department more than it currently is.

Each Councilmember and the Mayor offered words of congratulations.

City Manager Duch announced that when the program ends, and the Fire Chiefs walk out of the Council Chamber, that the Mayor and Council will follow them out. He said that there is a plaque in the City Hall hallway that is currently covered and the plan was to have Ex-Fire Chief Harry Yakimik, who has been a firefighter for sixty-one years, to unveil the plaque, but he could not be here this evening. He said that the plaque honors those firefighters who have served more than fifty years. He said that the plaque was missing for some time and the City Clerk's Staff, Mary Delahanty and Diane Rosolen, searched for it, they found it, they had it redone and the plaque is absolutely beautiful. He said that it will hang on the wall right at the top of the stairs, so everyone who comes up to the second floor, sees that Garfield honors and respects all of the dedicated volunteer firefighters of the City of Garfield.

Ex-Chief Steve Semancik congratulated Ex-Chief Morano on staying on top of things this past year. The new Chief has some big shoes to fill and he believes he will do a great job keeping the Department moving forward. He thanked the City Manager and Mayor and Council for keeping the Department strong with all the equipment which is top notch. He said that the new Chief, his brother Mike, has a lot of issues this year that are not going to go away. He spoke on how on New Year's Eve he was not with his brother, but he texted him to have a safe year and a quiet year, and that was the biggest jinx ever, because he had so many fire calls within the past five days. He said that he hopes things slow down a little bit so that his brother will get some rest and maybe he will be a new father in a few days. He said "God bless you Mike".

The Fire Department Chaplain, Reverend Edward P. Szpiech, concluded the ceremony with a Special Benediction.

Everyone was invited to Fire House No. Four located at 97 Outwater Lane for refreshment and fellowship.

Resolution No. 18-2

Resolution Re: 2018 Temporary Budget Appropriations

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-19 provides that where contracts, commitments or payments are to be made prior to the adoption of the 2018 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purposes and amounts required in the manner and time therein provided, and
WHEREAS, said total temporary appropriations are limited to 26.25% of the total appropriations in the 2017 Budget exclusive of any appropriations made for debt service, capital improvement fund in the said 2107 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Garfield, that the following appropriations be effective January 1, 2018, be made and a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Borough Chief Financial Officer for his records.

See

the

following pages numbered _____
for Temporary Budget Appropriations

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Resolution No. 18-3

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT OF ACTING DEPUTY MAYOR

WHEREAS, pursuant to Local Ordinance, Joseph Delaney was appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of state and local law, the Deputy Mayor shall serve in the place of the Mayor and perform all functions of the Mayor in the Mayor's absence; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, January 7, 2018, it will be necessary and appropriate to temporarily appoint Louis G. Aloia as Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield in order to perform the marriage ceremony of James Anthony Vanzella, Jr. and Christina LaTona, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Councilman Louis G. Aloia be and is hereby appointed Deputy Mayor for the City of Garfield to perform the marriage ceremony of James Anthony Vanzella, Jr. and Christina LaTona, and
2. This temporary appointment shall be solely for the purpose of performance of this marriage ceremony and for no other reason. Similarly, no additional authority is granted hereby other than to perform said ceremony and to execute any and all documents which may be necessary in order to effectuate the provision of this Resolution and to confirm the performance of the marriage ceremony as described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within Resolution to Councilman Louis G. Aloia.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

Resolution No. 18-4

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 73-17 which establishes the hours of service for liquor licensed premises, no alcoholic beverages may be sold or consumed after 2:00 AM; and

WHEREAS, local ordinances have uniformly been interpreted by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control to mean that the prohibition of sale also requires that all members of the general public must be off of the licensed premise; and

WHEREAS, on occasion, the Mayor and Council have granted exceptions to this Municipal regulation, such as New Years Eve/New Years Day; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have now received a specific request by the Garfield Restaurant Corp DBA: Déjà Vu, located at 50 River Drive, and

WHEREAS, this organization has requested authorization to extend its hours of operation until 3:00 AM on the mornings of January 6, 2018 and January 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the request is not for permission to continue to sell alcoholic beverages but is a request to allow the event to continue, without sale of alcoholic beverages, so that participants may conclude the affair with social interaction and dancing;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed this request and in view of the fact that it is a cultural event have concluded that it would be acceptable to allow such extension; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council also believe that in order to be fair to other licensed premises within the Municipality, this extension should be permitted for all liquor licensed establishments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Garfield, County of Bergen, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Garfield Restaurant Corp. t/a Déjà vu License #0221-33-012-007 shall be permitted to remain open until 3:00 AM on the mornings of January 6, 2018 and January 7, 2018.
2. No sale, service or delivery of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted after 2:00 AM in accordance with the provisions of Section 73-17(A) of the Code of the City of Garfield.

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3. The approval granted herein is based upon the consideration of the unique facts and circumstances presented for this day and shall not serve as a precedent or basis for enlargement of time for any other date, event or licensed premises.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk be and he is hereby authorized and directed to forward certified copies of the within resolution to the Garfield Police

Department and the Office of the City Manager. The City Clerk be and is hereby further authorized and directed to make certified copies of the within resolution available to any interested party and to any liquor licensee within the City of Garfield.

On call of roll, Ayes 5

(Sgd) Richard Rigoglioso
Louis G. Aloia

At 7:50 PM, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Andrew J. Pavlica, CITY CLERK